



CLEAR SAILING
Adm. Stansfield Turner

Turner Assured CIA Post

WASHINGTON (UPI) —

The Senate Intelligence Committee Wednesday unanimously recommended that Adm. Stansfield Turner be confirmed as CIA director.

Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, committee chairman, said he would recommend full Senate confirmation of Turner on Thursday.

Turner, in Tuesday's testimony, had told the committee he would resign as CIA director rather than carry out a presidential order for activities he felt were illegal.

The 53-year-old Turner, former classmate of President Carter at the Naval Academy, will be permitted to keep his naval commission. Inouye said Turner had agreed not to seek either the position of chief of naval operations or chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the posts became available during his tenure.

However, Inouye said, this would not preclude the President assigning Turner to such posts.

Turner had pledged, Inouye said, to furnish the committee with information on covert and clandestine operations and had expressed his concern for the need of ensuring that the legal and constitutional rights of Americans be preserved.

Turner would be the 12th military figure to head the agency or act as deputy since its founding in 1947.

He had clear sailing through the Intelligence committee at hearings Tuesday and Inouye told him that he did not have to appear again because his confirmation was assured.

Turner was expected to take over his duties immediately after the confirmation vote Thursday.